

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
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--What is claimed is:--.

On a separate, new page 57, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Processes for producing cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical active components which comprise: (a) providing a fermentation broth comprising a plant component selected from the group consisting of plant constituents, plant extracts and mixtures thereof; (b) inoculating the fermentation broth with a microorganism; and (c) fermenting the microorganism-containing fermentation broth to produce an active component; are described along with cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical preparations containing such active components and methods of using the same to treat the skin and/or hair.--